

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A method of processing a data stream with a computer system, the method comprising:
  - receiving the data stream using a browser application;
  - detecting a content type of data in the data stream;
  - temporarily overriding a default rendering process otherwise associated with the content type detected for the data in the data stream by associating a particular rendering process with the data stream based on the type of data in the data stream; and
  - routing the data stream to the particular rendering process.
2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the content type of data is a Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME) type.
3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the default rendering process is identified in a registry of the computer system.
4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the data stream is received in response to a request from the browser application.
5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein temporarily overriding the default rendering process includes:

discriminating among internal and external instances of the browser application used to receive the data stream; and

temporarily overriding the default rendering process if the browser application is an internal instance.

6. (original) The method of claim 5 further comprising routing the data stream to the default rendering process if the browser application is an external instance.

7. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the default rendering process is identified in a registry of the computer, and wherein temporarily overriding the default rendering process includes supplementing the registry of the computer with the particular rendering process if the browser application is an internal instance.

8. (original) The method of claim 7 further comprising:  
processing the data stream with the temporary rendering process; and  
upon completing of the processing, disassociating the temporary rendering process with the type of data in the data stream.

9. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising redefining the content type after routing the data stream to prevent subsequent processing of the data stream by the default rendering.

10. (original) A method of processing a data stream with a computer system, comprising:

receiving a data stream using a browser application;  
identifying a stream type for the data stream; and

directing the data stream away from a data process designated as a default by the computer system based on the data type identified for the data stream.

11. (original) The method of claim 10 further comprising determining whether a browser is embedded as an internal instance of a software application, such that the data stream is directed to a data process other than the default when the browser is determined to be an internal instance.

12. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein the data type is a Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) type.

13. (currently amended) A method comprising:  
calling a data stream using a browser running on a computer system;  
detecting a first type of data associated with the data stream called by the browser;  
and  
redefining the first type of data as a second type of data; and  
automatically rendering the data stream with a second rendering process based on the second type of data, wherein the second rendering process is different than a first rendering process that would be used to automatically render the data stream based on the first data type.

14. (original) The method of claim 13 wherein the first type of data and the second type of data are Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) standard types.

15. (original) The method of claim 14 further comprising loading a MIME filter into an operating system of the computer.

16. (original) The method of claim 15 further comprising receiving notification in the browser that a data stream is available for filtering by the MIME filter.

17. (original) The method of claim 15 further comprising activating multimedia subsystem player running on the computer system to render the data stream.

18. (original) The method of claim 17 further comprising passing the data stream to the player.

19. (original) A computer program for processing a data stream with a computer system, stored on a computer readable medium, comprising instructions for:

receiving the data stream using a browser application;

detecting a content type of data in the data stream;

temporarily overriding a default rendering process otherwise associated with the content type detected for the data in the data stream by associating a particular rendering process with the data stream based on the type of data in the data stream; and

routing the data stream to the particular rendering process.

20. (original) The computer program of claim 19 wherein the content type of data is a Multipurpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME) type.

21. (original) The computer program of claim 19 wherein the default rendering process is identified in a registry of the computer system.

22. (original) The computer program of claim 19 wherein the data stream is received in response to a request from the browser application.

23. (original) The computer program of claim 19 wherein temporarily overriding the default rendering process includes:

discriminating among internal and external instances of the browser application used to receive the data stream; and

temporarily overriding the default rendering process if the browser application is an internal instance.

24. (original) The computer program of claim 23 further comprising routing the data stream to the default rendering process if the browser application is an external instance.

25. (original) The computer program of claim 23 wherein the default rendering process is identified in a registry of the computer, and wherein temporarily overriding the default rendering process includes supplementing the registry of the computer with the particular rendering process if the browser application is an internal instance.

26. (original) The computer program of claim 25 further comprising:  
processing the data stream with the temporary rendering process; and  
upon completing of the processing, disassociating the temporary rendering process from the type of data in the data stream.

27. (original) The computer program of claim 19 further comprising redefining the content type after routing the data stream to prevent subsequent processing of the data stream by the default rendering.

28. (original) A computer program for processing a data stream with a computer system, stored on a computer readable medium, comprising instructions for:

receiving a data stream using a browser application;  
identifying a stream type for the data stream; and  
directing the data stream away from a data process designated as a default by the computer system based on the data type identified for the data stream.

29. (original) The computer program of claim 28 further comprising determining whether a browser is embedded as an internal instance of a software application such that the data stream is directed to a data process other than the default when the browser is determined to be an internal instance.

30. (original) The computer program of claim 28 wherein the data type is a Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) type.

31. (currently amended) A computer program for processing a data stream with a computer system, stored on a computer readable medium, comprising instructions for:  
calling a data stream using a browser running on a computer system;  
detecting a first type of data associated with the data stream called by the browser;  
and  
redefining the first type of data as a second type of data; and  
automatically rendering the data stream with a second rendering process based on the second type of data, wherein the second rendering process is different than a first rendering process that would be used to automatically render the data stream based on the first data type.

32. (original) The computer program of claim 31 wherein the first type of data and the second type of data are Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions (MIME) standard types.

33. (original) The computer program of claim 32 further comprising loading a MIME filter into an operating system of the computer.

34. (original) The computer program of claim 33 further comprising receiving notification in the browser that a data stream is available for filtering by the MIME filter.

35. (original) The computer program of claim 33 further comprising activating multimedia subsystem player running on the computer system to render the data stream.

36. (original) The computer program of claim 35 further comprising passing the data stream to the player.